



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado experienced above average temperatures and below average precipitation last week. The moisture that was received came in the form of isolated thunderstorms with hail causing some reported crop damage in the northeastern region. Counties in the San Luis Valley received some scattered moisture last week but are still designated a primary disaster area due to exceptional drought conditions. Farmers were allowed 6.7 days in the field for operations last week.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	12	34	51	3
Last Week	11	30	55	4
Last Year	4	20	74	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	34	50	1
Last Week	17	30	50	3
Last Year	3	25	70	2

Small Grains: Winter wheat harvest was 99 percent complete at the end of the week. Spring barley was 95 percent turning color with 30 percent of harvest complete. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring wheat was 90 percent turning color with 12 percent harvested by the end of last week. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition.

Row Crops: Corn was rated in mostly good condition with 95 percent silked and 20 percent in the dough stage. Sorghum was 60 percent headed and 24 percent turning color and rated in mostly fair condition. Onion harvest started last week with 5 percent harvested and the crop rated in good condition. Sugarbeets were rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were rated in fair to good condition with 5 percent harvested at the end of last week. Fall potatoes were rated in mostly good to fair condition. Sunflowers were rated in good condition. Dry beans were 65 percent flowered and rated in fair to good condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 14, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	2	46	42	10
Last Year	0	1	19	71	9
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	14	48	32	6
Last Year	0	3	26	60	11

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions are quite variable across the state and rated in very poor to good condition. Alfalfa harvest progressed to 86 percent of the 2nd cutting and 18 percent of the 3rd cutting complete. The crop was rated in mostly good condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were still rated average for the State. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year. Cattle liquidations continue to be reported in the southern regions of the State due to drought conditions and high feed costs.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 14, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	26	18	18	29	9
Prev. Year - 2010	0	6	32	55	7
5-Year Avg.	10	16	32	36	6

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending August 14, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Harvested	99	98	100	100
Spring Barley				
Turning Color	95	87	95	98
Harvested	30	20	28	31
Spring Wheat				
Turning Color	90	80	86	93
Harvested	12	8	14	23
Corn				
Silked	95	80	99	96
Dough	20	10	44	37
Sorghum				
Headed	60	40	85	72
Turning Color	24	15	32	34
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	86	75	88	85
3 rd Cutting	18	6	20	13
Dry Beans				
Flowered	65	55	91	87
Dry Onions				
Harvested	5	N/A	2	5
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	5	N/A	3	7

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	1	23	60	16
Corn	1	4	26	53	16
Sorghum	1	11	51	35	2
Dry Onions	0	1	15	68	16
Alfalfa	0	14	27	47	12
Sunflowers	1	2	34	55	8
Dry Beans	3	3	52	37	5
Sugarbeets	1	1	30	53	15
Fall Potatoes	1	5	42	47	5
Summer Potatoes	2	3	46	44	5

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.